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To those of you who are Good Democratic Liberals, who by definition are staunchly against limiting personal freedom, how the hell can you even think about considering this idea.

This should be an historic moment when Republicans and Democrats can, for once, come together and do what they are there to do..REPRESENT THE PEOPLE!!...vote this hideous attempt by Ayatollah Ashcroft down emphatically!!!

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In addition, by creating a master key which can let anyone listen in to our personal communications, this system would create an opening for ill-intentioned people (hackers, thieves, or even rogue government agents) to spy on us. As someone who works in a technology industry, I am well aware that no system is truly fail-safe and hackers are ingenious.

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